

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS  
— OF THE —  
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
— OF THE —  
Sulphur Springs Baptist Association.

— HELD WITH —  
ARKADELPHIA BAPTIST CHURCH,  
Arkadelphia, Ala., Oct. 9, 10, 11, 1896.

OFFICERS:

G. S. Sloan, Moderator,.....Sloan, Ala.  
J. M. James, Clerk,.....Arkadelphia, Ala.  
J. F. McNeal Corresponding Sec. and Treas. Sloan, Ala.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

S. T. Griffith, Chairman,.....Sloan, Ala.  
William Rouse,.....Warrior, Ala.  
I. C. McCrary,.....Partridge, Ala.  
W. R. Grubbs,.....Sloan, Ala.  
W. R. Martin,.....Blount Springs, Ala.

The next session will be held with the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church beginning on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October 1897, about six miles west of Blount Springs Blount County, Ala.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Moderator calls to order, and hear the Introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks.
4. Elect officers for the next year.
5. Call for new churches.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Invite correspondents.
8. Return Correspondents.
9. Appoint special committees.
10. Call for report of Executive Board.
11. Call for report of standing committees.
12. Appoint standing committees.
13. Appoint time and place for next meeting.
14. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermon.
15. Offer thanks, and other miscellany.

## MINUTES.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Sulphur Springs Baptist Association was held with the Arkadelphia Baptist church, Arkadelphia, Ala., on Oct. the 9th, 10th and 11th A. D. 1896, and was called to order by Eld. W. R. Fullmer, the former moderator. The former Brethren who were appointed to preach the Annual Introductory sermon at last session being absent, the Moderator called on Rev D. L. James to preach it, who responded to the call. After which the Moderator gave a few minutes for recreation, after which the body met in the church house for further business and, after singing a suitable hymn, prayer was offered by the Moderator, W. R. Fullmer, who proceeded to call for letters from the various churches, and appointed Reading Clerks to-wit:—W. R. Martin and T. D. Holcomb.

Received letters with list of delegates as follows:—New Prospect, Sulphur Springs, New Hope, Arkadelphia, Harmony, Cane Creek, New Antioch, Mount Zion, Union B. C., Union J. C., Fairview, Mount Joy and Mount Hope.

On motion received Eld. M. M. Russell and Bro. T. W. Rivers from Mount High church as delegates without a letter.

On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock for dinner.

### EVENING SESSION, 2 p. m.

The delegates met in the church house and was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion the body went into the choice of Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, which resulted in the choice of Rev. G. S. Sloan, Moderator; J. M. James, Clerk; and J. F. McNeal, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who took their positions and the new Moderator called for new churches. Three were presented as follows:—Mount Olive, Pigeon and Pilgrims Rest. On motion all were received into the body by seating the delegates.

On motion received Rev. J. H. Freeman, Rev. Robert Jones Brethren N. C. Osburn and R. E. Jackson as correspondence from Cullman Association into the body.

On motion returned correspondence, as before, giving the right to any of our members to be received into any other Association as such.

On motion released Brother J. M. Sandlin to go home on account of sickness.

The Moderator appointed R. W. Grubbs and Wm. Rice and the Deacons of Arkadelphia church as a committee on Devotion; T. D. Holcomb and J. M. C. Whorton on Missions; D. L. James and Dr. H. B. Martin on Temperance; J. F. McNeal and Wm. Rouse on Documents; H. H. Buzbee and T. J. Boyd on Education; I. C. McCrary and T. P. Vandiver on Sabbath Schools; Dr. M. Roberts and W. M. Keith on Superannuated Ministers; Hill Chapin and Blain Parker on Finance; Robert Jones, W. R. Fullmer and R. Kemp on Deceased Minister and Deacons.

On motion adjourned for the day to meet 9 a. m. to-morrow.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 9 a. m.

The delegates met in the church house and after a considerable share of music led by the Arkadelphia choir, prayer was offered by the Moderator who proceeded to appoint standing committees, to-wit:

On Missions—T. D. Holcomb and D. L. James.

On Temperance—W. R. Fullmer and M. M. Russell.

On Education—J. F. McNeal and J. R. Jefferson.

On Sabbath Schools—W. R. Martin and H. B. Martin.

On motion heard report on Temperance

On motion the report, after being discussed, was received and adopted as read, to-wit:—

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance report that we find from reading and observation that there is being a slow but yet progressive reformation in the temperance cause. Intemperance in all things being contrary to the spirit and word of the Holy Scriptures. We would urge upon this association and all christain people everywhere to not only abstain from the use of intoxicating Liquors as a beverage, but to use all diligence to suppress the great evil which is the cause of perhaps 90 per cent of all crime committed in our country; we also urgently advise that ail the churches hold a tighter reign and enforce a stricter discipline over their members relative to the temperance cause.

D. L. JAMES, Chairman.

On motion received and adopted the report on Superannuated Ministers, to-wit:—

### REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

Your committee report none in the bounds of our Association.

MARTIN ROBERTS, Chairman.

On motion received and adopted report on Documents, to-wit:—

### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee submit the following report; we find that several churches are in a prosperous condition. It seems that they have been working aggressively, having grand ingathering to the churches; we also recommend the request of the Arkadelphia church and ask this body to appoint a committee to prepare a suitable memorial of our beloved brother, E. M. Robinson, deceased. We also find the following churches petitioning this association to meet with them at our next annual meeting, to-wit:—Sulphur Springs and Pisga. And we recommend Pisga church as the place for the next meeting.

J. F. McNEAL, Chairman.

On motion received and adopted report on Education, to-wit:—

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee report that we believe that education and christianity should go hand in hand, the education of the head and heart is the leading road from darkness to light. Then how vastly important it is that we should educate. There is a vast responsibility upon parents for the education of their children. Our children are unenlightened because we fail to do our duty. Our children walk in darkness because we lead them there. Oh that all men everywhere would strive to be educated, strive to walk in the light of the living God, and strive to enter in at the strait gate. Such striving as this will lead our associates home to heaven. We recommend that the delegates of this association exert the utmost of their ability in the Spiritual Education of their children.

T. J. BOYD, Chairman.

On motion received report on Missions. A motion was offered to adopt the report, but was deferred until 2 o'clock by amendment to motion.

On motion received report on Deceased Minister and Deacons and on arrangements of the devotional committee memorial services

were had, led by Rev. Robert Jones, which consisted of songs, prayer and short talks from the Brethren and friends of the deceased who were present. After which the report was adopted by a move and second. See report on deceased minister and deacons, to-wit;—

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons report that we find that our elder brother minister C. A. Burns has departed this life since our last annual meeting, and also we find that we have shared the loss of three deacons in the bounds of our association to-wit: E. M. Robinson, Alferd Burns and S. J. Watson, and would recommend the association to hold memorial services in honor to them while in session at some hour appointed by the body.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JONES, Chairman.

On motion the body adjourned one hour for dinner.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK p. m.

The delegates met in the church house and called to order by the Moderator and on motion the discussion of the mission report was deferred until a future hour.

On motion appointed the time and place of our next meeting to be held at Sulphur Springs church, on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1897, which is about six miles west of Blount Springs.

On motion appointed Eld. T. D. Holcomb to preach the Introductory, D. L. James, alternate.

On motion appointed Eld. G. S. Sloan to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday of the meeting, and Rev T. P. Vandirver alternate.

On motion received report of financial committee, to-wit:—

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee finds \$18.10 for the purpose of having the minutes printed.

Respectfully submitted,

HILL CHAFIN, Chairman.

On motion ordered the Clerk to have two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes printed and distribute them to the churches in proportion to the money paid by each church and keep the balance of the money for his services.

On motion received report of the Executive Board, to-wit:—



## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board submit our annual report as follows: After considering the mission work in our bounds we decided to employ our Brother, G. S. Sloan to travel and preach in the community of Yarbrough School house and agreed to pay him \$15.56 being the amount collected by your board for his services.

S. T. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

Supplement report by the Brother G. S. Sloan, who was employed by the Board, commenced his work at the Yarbrough School house in June 1886. Preached once a month until September, then run a meeting of days, traveled, 135 miles, preached, 15 sermons and found at that place the most destitute portion of the field visited, and recommends the association to continue their work there until an organization is effected at that place as there is a good opening to build up a strong church in that vicinity.

Respectfully,

G. S. SLOAN, Missionary.

On motion received report on Sabbath Schools and laid over until Sunday 9 a. m. for discussion.

On motion received and adopted vote of thanks, to-wit—

Resolved that this body extend its thanks to the brethren, sisters and all the people who assisted in entertaining the association during its stay with them.

D. L. JAMES, Chairman.

On motion appointed the same Executive Board with the addition of Brother Wm. Rouse in place of Brother E. M. Robinson deceased.

On motion took up the Mission report for discussion and adopted the same as read, to-wit:—

## REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We report that we find that there has been some mission work done by Rev. G. S. Sloan the past summer, and we also find some communities that are yet destitute of regular preaching. We would be glad to have our masters cause established in every community as we feel that we could not do too much in the salvation of souls, but we will say that it is sad to find that we have one church which has been established through our mission work that neither represents in the association nor even try to procure a Pastor to help them along,

so we think the same spirit may prevail in some of our destitute places so we recommend that our ministers should work up such places and we believe they will if they have the love of Christ at heart. We fear that there is a lack of mission Spirit in the minds of our brethren at home in the support of the pastors and we feel that if pastors were better cared for that the work would be done and we would be able to do more in foreign fields where the Gospel has not shined as it has on us.

T. D. HOLCOMB, Chairman.

On motion adopted the former plan of getting up means for mission purposes to-wit:—Let every church endeavor to raise five cents for each member in each church and send it to the Treasurer of the Association (J. F. McNeal.)

On motion requested each church to send up the amount on their letter to the association collected for Missions.

On motion the body adjourned to meet at the time and place above designated.

ELD. G. S. SLOAN, Moderator,

Sloan, Ala.

J. M. JAMES, Clerk,

Arkadelphia, Ala.

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SUNDAY MORNING, 9 a. m.

According to previous arrangements the Sunday Schools of Arkadelphia met to hold services and recite their lessons and after they were through. the Moderator of the association called the house to order for the purpose of discussing the sabbath school report. and after preliminary remarks the report was called for. The clerk read the report, and discussion was had. opened by Rev. D. L. James, and after a lively and an interesting discussion by the people present, and a few of the delegates who had fortitude enough to stay over and get all the good they could from our meeting together, the report was adopted as read. to-wit:—

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee report that we find from the reading letters from the various churches that they are waking up to the interest of sabbath schools. We advise that every minister of our association urge upon every church the necessity of an evergreen sabbath school.

I. C. McCrARY, Chairman.



## SUPPLEMENT.

By suggestion of a brother the Moderator appointed a committee of three for the purpose of Formulating a program for a Sabbath school mass meeting to be held with Arkadelphia Baptist church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May 1897. All the churches invited to participate in the meeting, your help will be helpful and appreciated.

CLERK.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The 1st District will convene with Fairview church on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in July 1897. G. S. Sloan preach Introductory.

The 2nd District will convene with New Hope church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in March 1897, J. R. Jefferson preach the Introductory, John Motes, alternate. T. D. Holcomb preach Missionary sermon.

## LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

[ABSENTEES MARKED THIS\*]

Union, Blount Co.—\*A S Young, \*N Parsons, \*C F Hearn and W M Kieth.

Pilgrims Rest—T P Vandiver and R Kemp.

Pisga—H H Buzbee, Jr., J M Morgan, F Tidwell and E L Whiznat, alternate.

Mount Olive—Wm Rice, D L James and M L Rice.

Arkadelphia—H B Martin, G S Mosley, Blain Parker and J P Robinson.

Fairview—\*H B Gravlee, T J Boyd, \*J W Gravlee and Jesse Stephens, alternate.

New Hope—\*Allen Murphree, \*J A Hall, John Murray, alternate and S A Murray.

Union, J. C.—I C McCrary, E C Rowe, \*G F Ware and W R Speakman.

Sulphur Springs—\*J C Thomas, J M Sandlin, \*Tilmon Boyd, Bart Compton and Pink Dean.

New Prospect—J H Chafin, Thomas Hollis, \*J B Carney and \*J H Anderson, alternate.

Harmony—J F McNeal, J M C Whorton, Phillip Robins, W R Fullmer and S T Griffith alternate.

Cane Creek—M Roberts, Wm Rouse, \*John Thomas, J W Bairrow and \*Z Y Roberts, alternate.

New Antioch—J A Sandlin, J M Abbott, T M Gorman and W W Abbott, alternate

Mount Zion—\*W J McCrary, G S Sloan, W R Grubbs and W A Mayfield.

Mount Joy—T D Holcomb, J W Abbott and J H Harden.

Mount Hope—\*J W Williams, J M Whorton, C L Gravlee and T E Williams, alternate.

Mount High—M M Russell and P W Rivers

Sardis—Not represented

Pleasant Valley—Not represented.

Oak Bower—Dissolved.

Good Hope—Is in disorder.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

T D Holcomb.....	Country, Ala
J C Thomas .....	Willow, Ala
W R Fullmer.....	Sloan, Ala.
G S Sloan.....	Sloan, Ala.
J R Jefferson.....	Gravleeton, Ala.
D L James.....	Blount Springs, Ala.
W J McCrary.....	Partridge, Ala.
M M Russell.....	Willow, Ala.
T P Vanderver.....	Palos State, Ala.
M N Daniel.....	Arkadelphia, Ala.

#### LICENTIATES.

J W Dean.....	Arkadelphia, Ala.
H B Martin.....	Arkadelphia, Ala.
R Kemp.....	Palos State, Ala.
John Kieth.....	Bangor, Ala.
I C McCrary.....	Partridge, Ala.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Arkadelphia—6 Officers and Teachers; 69 Pupils; W. T. Bag-wier, Supt. Arkadelphia, Ala.

Harmony—S. T. Griffith, Supt. Sloan, Ala.

Union, J. C.—4 Officers and Teachers; 25 Pupils; G. T. Ware, Supt. Partridge, Ala.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED DURING THE YEAR—Pisga, Olive and Pilgrims Rest.

CHURCHES DISSOLVED—Oak Bower.

# STATISTICS OF SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported	Increase by					Present Membership	Preaching Sabbath.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion	Erasure	Death
Arkadelphia	L Williams	J M James	Arkadelphia	70	4	7	1	11	1	10	1
Cane Creek	W J McCrary	J F Creal	Warrior	88	...	...	1	3	1	6	...
Fairview	G S Sloan	H B Gravelle	Democrat	18	5	9	...	...	...	...	...
Harmony	T D Holcomb	J D Griffith	Sloan	85	4	7	...	17	...	13	...
Good Hope											4
Mount Hope	L Williams	J M Whorton	Arkadelphia	47	1	...	...	4	3	...	...
Mount Joy	T D Holcomb	A M Jestis	Bremen	53	...	...	...	8	1	...	...
Mount Zion	W J McCrary	W A Mayfield	Partridge	56	6	5	2	3	...	...	...
Mount High	N Daniel	J R Russell	Warrior	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope	J C Thomas	C Whitfield	Blount Springs	31	11	9	*	3	1	...	...
New Antioch	J H Harbison	J M Abbott	Bremen	37	29	2	...	12	1	...	...
New Prospect	T E Hayes	J H Anderson	Bremen	24	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Oak Bower	(Extinct)										1
Pleasant Valley		E Dean	Arkadelphia	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sulphur Springs	W J McCrary	J M Sandlin	Blount Springs	129	16	3	2	24	...	...	3
Sardis		J R Spradling	Morris	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Union J. C.	G S Sloan	W R Speakman	Partridge	83	...	1	1	2	6	...	2
Union B. C.	W D Shaw	A S Young	Banger	44	1	...	...	...	2	...	1
Pilgrims Rest	T P Vanderver	H M Nichols	Palos	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pisga	T P Vanderver	H H Buzbee	Phillips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mount Olive	W H Absber	Sam Rice	Blount Springs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
* Increase by Voucher, 1.				859	77	43	10	87	16	29	8945
TOTAL....											



# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SULPHUR SPRINGS ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	HOME MISSION.	FOREIGN MISSION.	MINUTE FUNDS.	PASTOR'S SALARY.	S. S. EXPENSES.
Arkadelphia.	.....	.....	1 75	25 00	5 00.
Cane Creek.	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Fairview	1 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....
Harmoloy	.....	.....	1 50	35 00	.....
Mount Hope	1 40	.....	50	.....	.....
Mount Joy	.....	.....	90	.....	.....
Mount Zion	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....
Mount Olive	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
New Hope	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....
New Antioch	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
New Prospect	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
Pisga	40	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Pilgrims Rest	50	.....	50	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....
Union J. C.	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....
Union B. C.	60	.....	35	.....	.....
Collections at Ass.	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$14.40	1 00	18 10	60 00	5 00.

